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Chapter 1

[The Entrance]

The Trenches are a dungeon that's what they say and it has to be the most hurtful truth ever been told it is how people ill treat each other and how they act as vultures. The dusty streets of Orange Farm filled with blood and tears from everyday victims who suffer a lot and some lose their lives through gang wars, drugs, crime and how people have eradicated themselves from humanity. Ubuntu, That's what we once had but after all the mishaps hope is lost and will never be regained. Happiness is rare like a blossoming rose in winter, The streets are cold, The noise made by happy children playin' in the streets became an ancient memory and the only noise or sound that is always heard by occupants and has become a norm is gunshots & sirens, yeah that's it, that's how people have adapted on this life full of hindrances & pain. The youth is mislead by older people who they look up to & that has to be the goons & drug dealers of the neighborhood. Drug dealers have become role models for some because of their flashy lifestyle and status but all is forgotten that it all comes with unbearable consequences. When it gets dark silence starts to strike in the streets, fear crawls in causing people in the community to start having fear about their lives, Gates and doors are locked like the midst of the apartheid era and the streets become dark, cold and scary for a resident to walk in its like a Ghost Town. At night more gangs crawl out of their caves causing havoc and increasing the number of mourners. Ski masks, Balaclavas and Black hoodies have become a uniform for shooters. Youngings riding and killing opposing gangs just to maintain the integrity of the gangs. A convoy of cars with tinted windows that's all they need, that's all they need to pull up in the hoods of the opposing gangs and do driveby's, windows going down and an arm with a Mac 11 or any automatic gun coming out & after that all you will hear is how their guns spit fire leaving behind dead bodies, blood and causing trauma to the people in surroundings and sometimes it doesn't always go according to their plans, sometimes innocent people are caught in the crossfire and their lives are cut short just like that and it's painful. Community members are riled up they want justice for innocent souls lost but even so they are also afraid of their lives because even the police are on the payroll of the gangs. The justice system has failed them many times they can't even recall.

Life is short for a man but the world goes on that's what they say, The big boys from the Gangs die and their juniors take over, running the streets, initiating new members and making boast of their territories. Supremacy over territories is the main thing this means more blood will be shed, more brothers in the gangs are needed and more guns are needed. The Gangs are raking havoc whenever they feel like and as a norm they ruled the streets and made it difficult for people to roam freely. Everything has a start & obviously it has an ending this ain't the end it's only the beginning.

Chapter 2

[Rise & Fall]

There's always a story in the neighborhood a story that's drastic so lemme break it down this ain't no fiction it's reality. As we find the Ndlovu family the parents died in a car accident a while ago leaving behind 3 children, A newborn baby girl, A 8 year old boy and the first born boy child which was 18 years old. This was a sad story indeed a story which shocked the community. Rumours say the father of these children was a part of the Notorious Gang in the neighborhood called the Crips, They say he was a legend like not just a ordinary legend but a great legend. They used to call him the "BOOGYMAN", He was untouchable, Respected & Feared he used to be Pablo Escobar of the hood i guess & he was a mastermind of the cash in transit heists, money laundering and also hijackings. He was part of the brotherhood (iButho) that started the Gang. A brotherhood that had had hitmen, iynkabi people who were ordered to kill & they would do that even if it was dark or blue and they were usually hired by Taxi Owners. His death shook the brotherhood & it was the end of it many of the superiors died and some retired but the Gangs still remained and grew stronger with new leaders. His family was left out because he was no longer there it started to suffer as the breadwinner was no longer there. All his cars & money vanished within a week after his death and no one knew what made this happen even his family. His children were now exposed to harsh conditions they started to suffer let alone losing their parents and feeling neglected but they sometime received help from a trusted family friend which was a friend of their father. Uncle Victor had to step in and try to help the children as he was close to the family. Uncle Victor was also involved in crime and had a lot of deals but one thing for sure he always made sure that the Ndlovu family was protected & provided for. As time passed by the kids were starting to grow and the first born had to make a plan on how to help his siblings and not to rely on anyone, Crime was the only option and he had an easy access to it because he had Uncle Victor by his side and he was willing to show him how it all works. Nqaba was the first born and he was now involved in crime and by the looks of it he enjoyed every perk that came with it he enjoyed all the money, respect, power and obviously women. He changed he was no longer the innocent soul people knew he started viewing life from a different perspective and that was to make money regardless if people got hurt.

Uncle Victor told him that this was his purpose and this is what his father would have wanted and dreamt of him taking over and building the family legacy so it doesn't fall off. He was encouraged, driven and all he wanted to pursue was "Walking In His Father's Footsteps". He thought that this would be an easy path to take until one day he killed a man and that really changed him for worse and made him realise that this was not child's play. He caught his first body on a mission they have already planned the heist and the only thing they had to do was to execute the plan. It was a smooth plan of snatch and grab and they wanted to do a clean job with no blood spilled. They had an inside man in the bank "Impimpi" and they gathered all the information as possible and they weren't expecting havoc on that day so they pulled up at the bank at 11am an hour before the daily security check routine by the deadly security agency which was on high guard and had lethal weapons and special trained guards so they had to avoid that war. It had to be an ordinary bank robbery as always they had a getaway vehicle outside the bank a black BMW 325is with no number plates on it. They got inside the bank with balaclavas on they carried AK 47's they were ruthless they let out shots in the air and made everyone lie down so that they won't hurt them "Wonkumuntu Phansi!!" they said with a harsh tone and everyone obeyed their instructions. They took the bank manager and ordered him to open the safe and if not so they will kill everyone in the bank and it would be on him so the manager had no choice but to open the safe and they started to pack their bags with two hundred rand notes and hundred rand notes only. As they were done they told everyone to stay down and close their eyes as they run off. It seemed like it was a clean job as they wanted it to be until they stepped out the bank, As they were about to get in the car and speed off with their money a security guard out of nowhere appeared and started shooting at them luckily some of the robbers got inside the car without getting shot leaving behind Nqaba at the door and the security guard had a clear shot at him as Nqaba had on him too so this was a moment of killing or getting killed so Nqaba had no choice but to shoot the man. He shot the security guard 3 times and the guard dropped down to the floor and had blood coming out of his mouth, Nqaba couldn't believe that he just killed a man so he went to him only to find out it seemed like it was a teen who had just got the security job judging on how new the uniformed looked and he was younger than him. His mates started to call him out loud as they heard sirens closing in "Ebaba Suka Lapho Ngena Emotweni Joe!" he got up and quickly rushed to get in the car as soon as he got in tyres screeched and they fled off.

That was the first time he killed a man. The first kill is always unforgettable and it can haunt you forever they say. He was devastated and terrified he couldn't sleep for days. He had this incident portraying itself on his mind everyday all he saw was the face of the young man he killed he started to lose control. He sought clouser and wanted to forget about this and he started to over drink alcohol until Uncle Victor told him that its been weeks he has been doing this and it's a matter of time before he falls off for real so he took him to a Traditional Healer so he could get the help he needed so the traditional healer removed the spirit that's was starting to haunt him and he did some rituals on him [Ukumqinisa] he was now protected and was starting to use some of the remedies the traditional healer gave him. He now believed that the life of crime is not a walk in a park and he had now killed a man but he could not walk away from this life he started to enjoy these adrenalin moments whereby they are chased by the police, the shootings and the chaotic moments so this wasn't the end for him it was the beginning and he started going in deeper on the life of crime.

Chapter 3

[Gang Affiliated]

Years passed by and Nqaba was getting bigger and bigger he was now a leader of the neighborhood gang called the Crips. He was now starting to call the shots and Uncle Victor admired his rise to the top and being so streetwise. In the life of crime owning a BMW 325is makes you a Big Shot it symbolizes that you are a real hardcore Gangster. The BMW 325is, [iGusheshe, lthemba Lamakgumusha] is the only car that is always used by Gangsters some use it for Spinning, Hijacking, Robberies because it's fast and classical but some use it for their lifestyle so Nqaba had no choice and he loved the car so he bought one. For the first time ever Nqaba owned a car that every gangster dreamt of having and his reputation was expanding many people in the neighborhood respected him. He now had a nickname they used to call him "Mkhonto" this nickname is a name of a sharp weapon african warriors used in wars. They called him like that because of his sharp critical thinking and how he always penetrated the defence of the other gangs so easily. He was a shooter and was always involved in the killings of the opposing gangs and every single day chaos from rivals increased. The second born Jayden was very fond of his brother because his brother played a huge role in his life. Jayden was different he wasn't like his brother he did not find the life of crime as a solution to his problems. He was a genius and was determined to prosper in life through education and he didn't want to fall in the den of crime just like his father and brother did but as they say don't count your chickens before they hatch. Jayden wasn't nerd though he grew up listening to hip hop and that made him love rap so he started rapping and he was good with it. When Jayden wasn't busy with his schoolwork he was in the studio for sure killing flows & hopping on beats the boy was gifted for real he had flows like King Von. The studio was like a trap house there were always baddies & the gang members there and that made Jayden feel affiliated with the gang. The gang loved Jayden on how he represented them in the rap game and how he used to diss on the opposing gangs in his tracks but he didn't see it as a big deal and that made him valuable to the gang but he didn't really like rolling with them everytime he was in trouble. Nqaba & Jayden were so close and they were both overprotective towards Amanda the last born, They treated her like a princess and they could do anything drastic just to protect her.

Amanda was a pretty girl with an innocent soul and they said she looked like her mother and that was a bummer sometimes because they used to look at her and think about their late mother. Nqaba was in deep in the life of crime and he started distributing drugs in the community, Every corner had a dealer and they were always strapped with ammo and ready for war. Doing hijackings and robberies is like first level crime but entering the Game of Drugs is another thing and it brings all unnecessary attention from the Cops and other powerful druglords but Nqaba didn't care about that. Jayden reached high school and Amanda was still in the lower grades of primary by that time. Nqaba used to drop off Jayden at school with his car and that made Jayden sort of a cool kid in school. High school is way different than primary school and it is where most trouble start at and Jayden wasn't ready for that. High school consisted of various gangs and the fights always got outta hand and some teens would get stabbed and some would get shot outside the school premises. Jayden wasn't involved in gangs at school so no one knew where he came from and even worse that his brother was a leader of the notorious gang so he kept quite about it to avoid all the drama. It wasn't long until almost the whole school found out exactly about where he came from so he got into a fight with a boy that was older than him and that boy was part of a gang so while they were fighting Jayden was kinda winning so the gang members jumped In and ganged up on Jayden they beat him up but luckily he managed to get away and he had no choice but to tell his brother what happened. The next day he didn't come to school so people were wondering about what happened to him and the boy thought he was scared about coming to school because he was gonna get another beating from him but he was wrong and he was about to find out. The bell ringed and it was school out so learners started going outside the school premises and they were now stacked out the school gate it seemed like there was something going on there so the boy and his gang thought there was a fight and they went out the gate and they found a shocking surprise it was Jayden with his brother and about 40 gang members with guns in their hands it was like they were going to war. As the boy with his gang was outside Jayden just pointed at them and his brothers gang jumped on them they beat them up so hard they thought they were going to die and Nqaba pointed the boy who picked on Jayden with a Glock 45 and told him that if ever Jayden got hurt he will come for him and it would be the end for him and they let them go. After that day everyone knew that Jayden should not be messed with and he was now respected and feared even though he wasn't a person of violence.

Chapter 4

[J & J]

Jayden was different and so he loved portraying hip hop culture so he loved playing basketball and skating. He was a baller and he was good with it he was like Kobe in his prime. In high school he met a lot of different people some fake and some were real & were solid. He made friends but there was this one he trusted a lot his name was Brandon the nigga was goofy for real they had a lot in common. Jayden and Brandon were close they did everything together but Brandon had too much love for the Gang he didn't even love school that much he wanted to be like Jayden's brother a real OG. Sometimes he would pull up at Jayden's house and they would chill in Nqaba's Car bumping YNW MELLY and they really loved the 'Murder On My Mind' track by him they would yell out the lyrics as they were but Brandon really overhyped it he loved violence he sometimes looked insane about how Gang killings and shootings would thrill him up. Their friendship grew stronger and stronger and they used to look out for each other. Nqaba's Drug Game kept on escalating and escalating every corner in the hood was stacked up with dealers selling crack, cocaine and God knows what. Love at first sight that's what they say and that's what happened to Jayden in high school as he met a beautiful girl named Joy she was short, a lil dark skinned, She was so pretty she had a baby face and she had ocean eyes you could stare at her for days. She had a great sense of humor and had a sweet voice a perfect one for singing lullabies. Jayden was love struck and all that was ringing in his mind was to get Joy as his own. Joy liked watching netball games after school so Jayden had to make sure he catches the girls attention so he would stay behind after school and standby the balcony that was near the netball court not just to watch the game but to stare at Joy. They would be smiling at each other and Jayden's heart would melt away in a jiffy until one day Jayden pulled up on the girl they talked and they had a lot in common Jayden poured out his heart to the girl about how he feels about her and all went well they exchanged numbers and they started talking a lot and Jayden was no longer hanging out with the gang as he used to. Jayden fell in love and it was the most beautiful and warm feeling he ever experienced and he used to dedicate love songs to the girl. Jayden and Joy started dating and as it goes it doesn't take a year to know that you have found a real one so a

week later Jayden bought the girl a necklace as a token of appreciation. Weeks passed by and their love grew stronger and stronger and Jayden loved being able to have a person that is solid like his girl so he never minded spoiling his girl. As it always goes there is no perfect love story Joy was solid but she didn't live in the same hood as Jayden she lived in a different hood it wasn't that too far but it was a hood of the opposing gangs the Bloods. The Bloods and the Crips didn't get along actually they were both nemesis of each other to the point that if they were about to bump into each other there would be a bloodbath. As a Crip member there was no way you could lack in the hood of the Bloods without getting shot and there was no way you could get out of that hood alive so Jayden couldn't visit his girl as he wanted and he couldn't even walk his girl at her house after school because he knew the repercussions that would adhere. Learners around the school started to notice Jayden & Joy's relationship and various people at the hood. Nqaba found out about this and he wasn't pleased he wanted Jayden to break up with Joy because of the risk's their relationship came with. Nqaba wasn't fooling around he was dead serious so Jayden didn't want to breakup with Joy so he had to lie to his brother that they broke up and his brother took his word for it. Jayden was starting to detach himself from the gang including his best friend Brandon because he spent more time with his girl than his friends and Brandon didn't like how things were starting to unfold.

Chapter 5

[2:30am]

As Nqaba continued with the life of crime he gained status and respect, gigs after gigs of cash in transit heists it was starting to be a norm to him he had enough money to start over and live a life of dignity without crime and without him having to look over his shoulder everytime he steps out but he didn't want to settle down he wanted the bigger piece of the pie to become filthy rich. Nqaba always used to have meetings at his house where there would be Gang members and they would be discussing a job that was needed to be done and finalise their strategies in order for their plans for the job to be executed clearly. Jayden heard some rumours from the gang that there was a big job that was in place and it was gonna be their biggest hit and could change their lives. Jayden was curious about the so called "Big Job" that was happening on Friday and was wondering about why his brother didn't tell him anything so he decided to find out himself. Jayden tried to obtain details about the job but he failed and everytime he wanted to ask his brother about the job that was near he got disturbed. It was Friday afternoon (The D-Day) Jayden was in his room as he heard voices in the lounge and he decided to eavesdrop on them so he went out of his room silently and leaned to the wall near the lounge so they couldn't spot him. As he was eavesdropping on them he heard them say "Elamanqamu Namhlanje Bhuti Kuyothuma Nnhlamvama Ezinye Ziyofeketha" meaning that today is the d-day and hell will break loose and just like that Jayden was struck and fear crawled under his skin as he was starting to actually realise that this job is dangerous that's why his brother didn't say anything to him. As he was standing near the lounge he could no longer hear that much but even so he now heard the sounds of guns getting cocked up so he decided to no longer hide and stand out to see what's happening. As Jayden entered the lounge all he could see was his brother and a bunch of goons with guns and even hand grenades they were packing them in bags and even wearing bullet proof vests it was like he was watching a movie where soldiers were strapped up for war. Jayden was surprised as he was standing in the lounge and the gang members were starting to walk out so that Jayden could have a moment with his brother before they left. "Kwenzakalani?, Tell Me" as Jayden asked his brother with a quite scared look on his face, "Lutho Bhuti Khululeka" As Nqaba replied to his young brother telling him not to worry.

Nqaba told his brother that everything is gonna be alright and that this job will actually change their lives for the better and they could move out of the hood after this. Nqaba had a different look it was like he was also scared but he didn't want to show it. As Nqaba was close to walk out of the door he turned back and he called Jayden to come close and said "Take care of your little sister Amanda and protect her with your life, look out for each other Ngiyanithanda" and he walked out. Jayden stared at his brother as he was getting inside of the car and they drove off and what was bothering Jayden the most was how his brother looked like, it was the first time Jayden ever saw his brother bothered and scared that way. As usual Jayden stayed up and waited for his brother to come back because when there's a job they are doing they usually come back late or around 1am in the morning. Jayden waited & waited until he dozed off in the couch waiting for his brother while her sister was asleep in her room. Around 2:30am Jayden was woken up with gunshots that sounded so close around his house but as a norm because they were used to the sound of gunshots everyday around the neighborhood at night he wasn't that bothered so he got up quickly and went to her sister's room to check up on her and he found her sister a bit terrified so he decided to sleep close to her.

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It was the next day on a Saturday morning, There was drizzle there were small droplets of rain touching the earth's surface and the humidity of the air was soft but even so it was cold, The clouds were dark but lighten up by the rage of lightning that portrayed an adhering thunderstorm. It was only 6am in the morning where the noise of the neighbours in the streets was starting to pile up and it was so strange hence it was only in the morning. Jayden & her sister Amanda were woken up by a sharp knock on the door as Jayden was approaching the door he heard a voice their neighbour Ma'Swazi saying "Vulani Zingane Sam" her voice sounded like she was crying and yet she hasn't stopped it sounded like she was in shock or trouble and at that moment Jayden sensed that something was wrong. As Jayden opened the door Ma'Swazi came in crying and she said "Ubhuti Wakho" Jayden froze and was wondering about what's happening he asked her "Kwenzakalani Ma? Ukuphi Ubhut Wam" It was like Jayden said something wrong or worse insulted the women, Ma'Swazi just couldn't hold her self so she cried even worse and she said "Akasekho".

Jayden replied "What do you mean Ukuthi akasekho Ma" with teary eyes and Ma'Swazi said "Nangu Ngaphandle". Jayden felt like the world was crushing on him he didn't believe what he was just been told, his heart was beating fast he felt like he was losing his mind and that this was all fake so he wanted to see this by himself. As Jayden and her sister wanted to step out of the house Bab'Hlatshwayo the local neighbour wanted to stop them but Jayden was riled up he pushed Bab'Hlatshwayo and went out but Ma'Swazi managed to keep Amanda indoors. As Jayden stepped outside the house he saw his brother's car just outside the gate and he quickly ran to it and as he got close he saw his brother's lifeless body inside the car with bullet wounds and blood on the windows. Jayden couldn't hold back he screamed "Bhuti, Bhuti" he went straight to the car and opened it up and grabbed his brother close to him he was crying and he couldn't believe. Neighbours standing around the corners shocked with their hands on their mouths they also couldn't believe while Jayden was holding his brother close to him screaming, crying and begging him to wake up but sadly he couldn't hear him anymore he was gone. The sirens of the police and emergency services were starting to close in and they arrived at the scene, The police tried to remove Jayden away from his brother but he refused he kept on screaming and crying holding his brother and he now had blood stains on his t-shirt he was then removed and he continued yelling and crying shouting at the paramedics "Msizeni uBhuti, Mbuyiseni" his voice emitted and sustained pain that he had in his heart. Moments later Ma'Swazi and Bab'Hlatshwayo fetched Jayden and made him to go inside the house and tried to calm him down and he did, they have already told Amanda what happened and she was crying too and when Jayden saw his sister like that he knew he had to be strong for her even when it is hard so he tried to comfort her and they both ended up crying it was sad and a hurtful moment for them. The police cleaned up the scene and took Nqaba's body to the morgue. Nqaba was gone just like that leaving behind his siblings all alone his life was cut short and he had to be there for his siblings watching them grow up and giving them life advices, helping them out and giving them unconditional love so that they wouldn't feel alone but yet they were now alone and he was gone just like that. As it always goes news spread fast in the hood more than the spread of a pandemic. Almost everyone in the hood knew that Nqaba was gone and the gang was devastated after finding out that their leader was dead. The gang knew that they had to do something and to slide for Nqaba (To pay revenge for him) they couldn't believe what happened.

It had been days after Nqaba's death Uncle Victor and the Gang had to go and pay their respects to the Ndlovu family and they went there and found Ma'Swazi with the children. The children have been staying with Ma'Swazi Because Ma'Swazi couldn't leave the children alone by themselves so she decided to move in with them and assist with the funeral preparations. It was a hard time indeed for the family and they needed support. As uncle Victor was at the house with the Gang a man that was tall with a white beard approximately he was in his 50's judging on how he looked walked in the house carrying bags & suitcases. Everyone was wondering who was the man and suddenly uncle Victor stood up and said "Long Time Brother" it seemed like they knew each other. Apparently the man who just came in was John's younger brother John who was known as "The Boogymen" it is said that back in the days when John joined crime he used to fight a lot with his younger brother so his brother Menzi decided to run away from home and start his own life and from then he never bothered coming back or even coming to his brothers funeral or even checking up on his brothers children because he knew about them so he let them suffer alone and that led Nqaba to join the life of crime but he was back now after all these years. "Sekuyisikhathi Vele Mfo" replied Menzi and Jayden was now getting confused so he asked "Uncle Victor Who Is This?" and Uncle Victor replied "Its your uncle my boy, its Uncle Menzi You Don't Know Him But You Will Get A Chance To Know Him Better". Menzi told them that he heard on the radio that Nqaba was no more so he decided to come back before his brothers family eventually comes to an end and told them that he was back for good now. Jayden & Amanda were kind of excited about having an older person in the house who was part of the family because they knew that they are now going to be protected and cared for but little did they know. It was now the day of the funeral and Jayden had a request to the Gang he urged them not to cause chaos, spin cars and play with guns he said it was already enough that his brother died because of crime so it was only fair for them to give him a well respected and dignified funeral and they respected his wish. Brandon, Joy and also the Gang was there supporting Jayden in this time of grief. They were now at the Graveyard it was a wonderful service with a choir with healing hymns and the pastor with healing scriptures and it was the time for them to say their final goodbyes. As Jayden saw his brothers casket going down in the grave he cried and said his final goodbyes and he then looked at his little sister and silently said "I will remember your final words brother I will take care of our little princess no matter what."

Chapter 6

[PTSD]

A week after the funeral Ma'Swazi moved out of the house because there was already a family member that was gonna take care of the children. Menzi had to play the uncle role to the children and take care of them and he did he tried to make them feel comfortable and safe when they with him and it was gonna be a bumpy road because they met under unfortunate circumstances and they didn't know each other that well. Jayden and Amanda were always wondering about why did he come back now after all these years, they were hesitant about trusting him that easily but they didn't want to question his loyalty so they went along with the flow. Jayden couldn't just move on it wasn't that easy for him he couldn't just erase the picture of his brother laying dead in the car with blood on his t-shirt and around the car seats, with cartridges around the car and bullets holes on the windows it was very traumatic for him. Jayden kept blaming himself about his brothers death he kept thinking that if only he went out to check when he heard those gunshots the other night maybe he could have helped his brother and he would have been alive, he kept on thinking about if only he stopped his brother from going the other day maybe he could still be alive but he couldn't turn back in time. Jayden couldn't move on and people around him could observe that he was going to have a mental breakdown judging on how he was doing things he was locking himself up in his room, detaching himself from people, crying and always having nightmares. Menzi tried to help Jayden by suggesting therapy to him but Jayden refused he said he won't talk about his problems with a stranger and Uncle Menzi let him be. Uncle Menzi tried to reach out to Jayden but Jayden locked him out he didn't want to confide in him. Joy & Brandon were supportive they always checked up on Jayden to ensure that he was okay. Joy was everything Jayden could wish for that time she was supportive and she then managed to convince Jayden to attend therapy and he did. Jayden was attending therapy and he got better and better but even though it was going to be a long journey until he recovered and went back to his normal life. Uncle Victor told the gang to remain distant from Jayden to avoid conflict because everytime the gang was with Jayden all they could talk about was his brother and how they were going to avenge his death and that would disrupt Jayden's healing. The therapist told Jayden that he was diagnosed with [PTSD] post traumatic stress disorder judging from the life

changing traumatic experience he went through but he could be helped to prevent him from going through a mental breakdown and losing himself. It was still unknown about who killed Nqaba and why, Rumours spreaded around the gang that it was the druglords who were Nigerians that wanted to take Nqaba's territory but still there was no proof they also thought it was the opposing gangs and it could be because they were nemises but the sudden motive was unknown. The gang didn't want to let this lying down so they had to get back on the gangs, they attacked the gangs like never before it was like a warzone the shootings were worse, the driveby's and the murder rate was increasing it was worse than ever before. Yellowtapes of the police everyday in the streets were the Blood gang members were shot and the Crips were now getting the integrity they needed because they wanted to avenge their leaders death. The truth wasn't yet unknown about who killed Nqaba but as it always goes whats done in the dark will always come to the light.

Chapter 7

[Endless Pain]

It had been a year after Nqaba's death Amanda and Jayden were still staying with their uncle Menzi and he had been treating them good since his arrival. Jayden was only 18 and doing his last grade of high school he was in Matric and her sister Amanda was on her 4th grade and still in primary. Amanda grew up so quickly she was very smart and loved her school work she was always obsessed with the thought of becoming a lawyer and that was always surprising because a child like her should still be concerned about getting new toys not thinking about careers. Uncle Victor was no longer checking up on the Ndlovu family often like he used to because he was starting to trust Menzi so he let them be because he thought that it would be better if he let Menzi take care of his family. Everyone in the community was very happy about how Menzi stepped in and took care of the youngings and that he was not involved in crime or any other dodgy syndicates but if only they knew of who he really was. Jayden was in Matric and that meant that he was always getting home late because of the afternoon classes and extra private lessons Uncle Menzi paid for him and that meant he could no longer fetch Amanda from school because Amanda was still in primary school and they ended their lessons early and it be school out so this meant that Uncle Menzi was now spending more time with Amanda Alone. Jayden was relieved that there was someone taking care of his little sister when he was not around only if he knew how things were about to unfold. Uncle Menzi wasn't the saint that he portrayed he was actually a wolf wearing a sheep's skin he was inconsiderate and evil but he wanted people to trust him and let their guard down so he can strike and as they say it doesn't take long until a person shows their true colours and he was about to. As uncle Menzi started spending more time with Amanda he started going off ramp he would actually start teasing the little girl sexually and told her that it was just their "Special Game" and that no one should know about this. Amanda wasn't old enough to differentiate that she was now being violated and she trusted her uncle that he would never hurt her. This game of theirs started from undressing each other and the intimate touchings where uncle Menzi would touch the little girl intimately. Amanda didn't like these games and she told her uncle that it was making her uncomfortable and his uncle burst up and told her to shut up because if she continues to

resist he would hurt her and her brother. Amanda was now concerned and stressed about why is her uncle treating her like this. These games went on and kept escalating until Uncle Menzi finally forced herself to the little girl, he raped her. It wasn't enough that the siblings went through endless pain of losing their parents and also losing their brother and this now was the most heartbreaking incident that ever happened. Amanda was only 10 years old when this happened and she was only a child, A child that had to be protected and loved but she was now abused even worse abused by someone who had to take care of her. Uncle Menzi was heartless he did not care that the child was crying and getting hurt he was only concerned about his pervert endeavours, He threatened Amanda that he will kill her if she ever told someone about this. The assault kept on going on for weeks and Jayden would come back from school and find her sister sleeping or just quite and that would be weird for him cause she knew that her sister was always energetic he tried asking her about what was happening and she would just say she's tired and had a long day, Jayden didn't really think a lot about this he just assumed that maybe she was having her days of missing their older brother. The truth has a way of revealing itself so one day Jayden went to school and when it was lunch he got into a massive huge fight at school that led him in getting suspended so he had to leave the school premises early he was pissed off and riled up and he was about to get worse because of the shocking mishap he was about to see. Jayden arrived home early than expected and he got inside the house and it was quite like there was no one and he didn't even yell out their names he thought maybe they went out or something so he decided to go to his sister's bedroom and when he opened the door he saw his uncle on top of her sister assaulting her. Jayden couldn't believe his eyes he saw her sister oppressed with tears she was helpless and in pain, At that moment Menzi was surprised about the unexpected arrival of Jayden and he did not know what to do or say so he stood there and said "ufunani lana, you should be at school" with a patronising smirk on his face. Jayden was riled up he couldn't hold himself he was pissed off because he saw what was happening so he had to stand up for his sister, Jayden jumped into his uncle with fists he threw punches at him he was yelling out with anger and even kicked his uncle but Menzi managed to restore balance he didn't fall. Menzi retaliated he also punched Jayden, the fight was intense and was getting more lethal they were beating each other up. Menzi overpowered Jayden because he had more power than him hence he was old, Jayden fell on the floor and Menzi continued kicking him until he

started bleeding from the nose while Amanda was terrified and scared busy yelling out "Leave him alone Uncle". Menzi wanted to finish off Jayden but luckily Jayden managed to get up and escape as he went out the door Menzi yelled out and told him that If he cares about his sister's safety he would never tell anyone else. Jayden was scared, overwhelmed and he had to do something so he rushed fast to Uncle Victor's house to seek for help and luckily he found Uncle Victor and told him what was going on. Uncle Victor couldn't believe what Menzi has done and he was very angry and disappointed so he told Jayden to get in the car fast so they can go back home. As Jayden and Uncle Victor were heading back Uncle Victor gave Jayden a gun and told him that he had to do this it was his duty. They arrived at the Ndlovu residence Jayden hopped out of the car ready to erase his uncle, His adrenalin was pumping he had no fear he had a gun on his hand and all he could hear playing in his mind was his brothers last words "Take care of your sister Amanda and protect her with your life" he felt like he failed his brothers wish and he had to do this. Jayden got inside the house and found his Uncle relaxed sitting on the couch, Menzi didn't expect to see this he thought that Jayden was weak and he would not say anything but to his surprise Jayden had a Gun on his hand. Menzi stood up and said "Relax my boy it doesn't have to be this way", Jayden was furious he didn't want to hear anything he pointed the gun to Menzi and Uncle Victor walked in and said "do it boy he doesn't deserve to live ". Amanda heard voices so he walked out of her room and saw his brother pointing a gun to Menzi. All the rage and anger was too much for Jayden and seeing that he failed to protect his sister made him worse, his heart was beating fast and he could no longer handle his rage anymore he placed his finger on the trigger and he said to Uncle Menzi "You deserve to die, Bengikuthembile" as Menzi was trying to explain Jayden pressed the trigger. Jayden let out 2 shots to his uncle he shot him twice on the chest point blank, blood spilled and made little stains on his shirt Menzi dropped down to the floor he had blood coming out from his mouth he felt like he was starting to drown. Amanda screamed she was even more scared right now because of the traumatic experience she just saw and Uncle Victor took her to the other room. Jayden was shaking but his conscience was clear he didn't regret doing this he felt the necessity of doing this. The neighbour Ma'Swazi heard the noise and possible gun shots so she had to go and check she knocked on the door and Uncle Victor opened up and didn't let her come in he just told her he was playing with his gun and it went off by mistake but no one was hurt and Ma'Swazi walked away.

Jayden had just killed his uncle in front of his sister imagine the trauma, life for them wasn't fair it wasn't enough that they lost their parents, their brother and now the trauma of Jayden killing his uncle this was endless pain for them and they didn't deserve it. Uncle Victor had to cover up for Jayden so he cleaned up the body and told the gang to take care of it they had to make it seem like Menzi just went away and packed his bags. Jayden & Amanda couldn't stay at their house anymore because of the incident that happened there so they moved in with Uncle Victor.

Chapter 8

[Who Want Smoke]

“The big boys from the gangs die and their juniors take over” that’s what i said in the beginning and it was about to happen. Jayden lost focus and he was no longer going to school he did no longer feel the need of doing so. Jayden was now witnessing illegal deals almost everyday because he was now staying with uncle Victor but he made sure that his sister doesn’t witness all of this. Amanda was going through a lot so they took her to a family therapist so she could try to forget about what happened and try to move forward. As time went by Jayden felt like if his sister continued staying with them she will end up living a life full of hindrances a life with no integrity and humanity so he begged uncle Victor to take her sister into a boarding school far away from them so she could live her life freely away from crime. Uncle Victor took Amanda into a boarding school, Amanda didn’t want to go but Jayden tried to convince her that it was for the better and he will check up on her almost everyday and he promised her that all of this will end and they will be reunited and live as a happy family again. It was a hard time for Amanda she felt neglected but she was convinced that her brother was looking out for her so she remained strong and accepted the situation. Jayden saw life from a different perspective that if you are a good person bad things will still happen to you so what was the use of being a good person on this cruel world. Jayden didn’t want to be Uncle Victor's skivvy so he decided to stand up for him self and hustle. Jayden didn’t have a guilty conscience about killing his uncle he did not care he didn’t even have nightmares about it or show any remorse, Jayden was cold hearted and angry on how his life unfolded and how his family dissociated. The streets are cold just like Jayden’s heart and so he believed that he belonged in the streets and one thing for sure he knew that in this path he has chosen there was no way out. Brandon didn’t like school as usual so when his best friend Jayden dropped out he decided to follow him and drop out too. Jayden and Brandon were starting to be close again they had each other’s backs, they started selling drugs to their previous school and supplying the streets and they were now riding with the Gang. Jayden and Brandon did almost everything together they were “Evil Twins” just like King Von and Lil Durk. They weren’t going to school anymore so it meant they had more time now of committing crime and causing outmost fear to the society.

Joy didn't like the life Jayden was starting to live she discouraged him and tried talking sense to him that this ain't the life he has to live. Joy was upset and scared too that she might end up losing Jayden because of how this fast life easily ends. Joy and Jayden were starting to argue a lot but even so their love grew stronger, Joy always warned Jayden but she ended up accepting the situation because she saw that she was fighting a losing battle. Jayden loved taking his girl out on his spare time so one day he decided to take her girl to a local hood restaurant. They were dressed up and fine as hell, They dined and really had a great time and it was now getting a little late so Jayden had to accompany his girl to her place. While Jayden and Joy were walking down in the streets busy chatting a black cadillac pulled up on them fast and a window went down followed by a arm with a Glock shooting on them then it quickly went off. Jayden was grazed by the bullets but his girl got shot she got a stray bullet it seemed like this was a job for an amateur because they didn't use a automatic gun and Jayden was still breathing and he didn't get shot directly he was just grazed by the bullets but unfortunately his girl was injured and unconscious. As soon the cadillac fled off the gangs went out because they heard the shots seeing Jayden holding his girl with blood on the pavement they quickly took Joy to the hospital. Joy was Admitted to the hospital and luckily the bullet missed her organs and she would be good in a few weeks even though she was still unconscious. Jayden was fueled up he thought he was going to lose his girl, he was angry he was spitting fire and he wanted to know who did this. Jayden put his gang on watch at the hospital so that no one can harm his girl and he put his gang on the streets to sniff around and find out who tried to kill him. Brandon had a lot of connections so a day later he found out who had a hit on his best friend Jayden and why. Brandon linked up with Jayden and told him that the dude who was trying to kill him is Lamar, A coloured guy who was selling drugs and word on the street was that he wanted to kill Jayden because Jayden took his territory of selling drugs at schools so he wanted him out. Jayden had to get back he had to slide and set things straight to show people that no one messes with him and lives to tell the tale. Brandon wanted to help Jayden out with the kill but Jayden wanted to do it himself. Jayden was checking up on his girl at the hospital to make sure she's okay and he then got a call from one of his trusted gang members telling him that they had a drop on this guy called Lamar he is hanging out outside some club. Jayden didn't want to waste time so he quickly headed there as he pulled up he saw the dude standing outside the club smoking and Jayden wanted him dead.

Jayden got out of the car and he cocked his Glock 45 he was aggressive and furious as soon as he was getting close to Lamar, Lamar turned back and saw Jayden he was surprised it was like he saw a ghost so he didn't waste time either he ran. Jayden ran after Lamar and after a few seconds he shot Lamar on the legs, Lamar fell on the ground like his shoes ain't laced Jayden walked up on him and pointed a gun on him he was pissed off. Jayden gave Lamar six shots on his chest and he fled off. People were screaming and terrified and sirens of the Cops were closing in. Jayden did this job with an unclear mind he didn't even wear a mask so they had his face on CCTV on some cameras outside the club and he knew that he had to run now he didn't want to go to jail. Jayden packed his clothes and took some money and Brandon decided to go with him too and they had a plan to go and start over in Johannesburg the city of gold. Jayden went to the hospital with a bag that had money and he left it at Joy's admission room while Joy was still sleeping the bag had a note that said "Take care of your heart girl I love you so much and I'm sorry you got involved in my mess and in order to protect you I have to leave, use this money to fulfill your needs, love Jayden". Jayden and Brandon fled off to Johannesburg to start their own thing and Jayden was a wanted man now so he had to be more cautious as they were now heading to the city of gold Johannesburg.

Chapter 9

[The City Of Gold]

It had been months since Jayden and Brandon moved to Johannesburg but even though they were now the game changers of the drug game. Uncle Victor helped them out with connections he had so that they can stand their ground and continue hustling. Jayden and Brandon were now more associated with the powerful druglords from Johannesburg and they did regular business with them. They were working with the Nigerians from Hillbrow the most feared and powerful people in Johannesburg they dealt with drugs and various crimes but what linked them with Jayden and Brandon was drugs. Jayden was the one sealing the deals with the Nigerians while Brandon was the one who was dealing with supplies and getting skivvies to sell for them at the streets. Jayden was getting more close with the Notorious drug dealer called Okiri, Okiri was an ex military agent from Nigeria and he found clouser in the Drug Game and had been doing it for over 30 years. Okiri told Jayden that he knew his Brother Nqaba and he was working with him before he died and he saw much more of Nqaba in Jayden. The streets of Jozi(Johannesburg) are far more dangerous than the streets of the hood, the streets of Jozi are filled with scammers, robbers, traffickers, drug dealers it's actually a den of thieves. The Nigerians are actually the ones running the city, they own strip clubs and businesses where they launder their money and they use the clubs to distribute drugs. Jayden and Brandon were making their way to the top and they had to be cautious though because Jayden was still living on the run the police were looking for him for the murder of Lamar. Jayden and Brandon opened up a skate shop where they sold skateboards and skating gear even clothing but that was just a front they were selling drugs and it was a great front because most of their customers were skaters and most of them are drug addicts. Their business was expanding and they were untouchable because they were under Okiri's protection. Jayden was making money as usual but he wasn't happy as he used to be, He missed his girl so bad it's been months without seeing her or even talking to her over the phone because he thought she was mad at him for getting hurt because of him. Jayden finally reached out because loneliness started creeping in so he called Joy they had a long convo and eventually they managed to sort things out and they were back together again, They started calling each other and linking up off the radar.

Uncle Victor moved to Johannesburg too he had an apartment there and he didn't want to fall behind so he wanted to join Jayden too. Jayden and Okiri were more close now, Okiri treated Jayden like family and Jayden was now Okiri's right hand man but Uncle Victor didn't like their relationship he didn't want Jayden to be close to Okiri. Uncle Victor told Jayden to distant himself from Okiri but Jayden didn't listen to him he wasn't even bothered at all he ignored Uncle Victor's request. Victor organised a meeting with Okiri and Jayden telling them that he wants to join them in the drug game but Okiri denied access to Uncle Victor he didn't want him to join and Jayden too didn't even want to convince Okiri to let Uncle Victor join them. Okiri told Jayden to not trust Victor with his life because Victor is Selfish and deceiving he can kill anyone so that he can benefit something, Jayden was the most confused person that moment because both of the people he looked up to gave him warnings about him not trusting them. Victor was cut off from the drug game and there was nothing Jayden could do for him because Okiri was his boss too and he couldn't go behind his back. Victor was sidelined and he didn't like it, Jayden could feel the tension between Victor and Okiri he knew that they hated each other's guts that's why Okiri didn't want to work with Victor. Victor couldn't just sit behind and accept this he wanted to change this situation so that he could be in power too and he had a trick on how to remove Okiri and take over his territory. Victor was evil he was Lucifer himself he organised a meeting with Brandon and Jayden and made it sound urgent. Jayden and Brandon went to Victor's apartment armed as always and they arrived there and found Victor sitting on the lounge with a whiskey on his hand he seemed stressed out. Victor ordered Jayden & Brandon to sit down and he told Jayden to not quickly lash out about the thing he was about to tell him, Jayden was now more curious about what his Uncle Victor had to say. Victor slouched back on the couch and he said "Listen my boy I should have told you a long time ago but I had to protect you because if I told you, you would have died trying to avenge your brothers death". Jayden's face changed he was now more curious and wanted to hear what's this all about he shouted "Wait? what tell me already stop beating around the bush". Victor sighed and said "Okiri, It was Okiri who got your brother killed he betrayed your brother and ended up killing him. That day your brother was killed he and Okiri and the Gang robbed and killed another drug dealer from Pretoria and Nqaba had the money and they were about to share it the next day it was more than 20 million in the car with him so Okiri got his gang to kill Nqaba and run away with the money that's why he was shot cold blooded"

Jayden got up furious as hell he could not believe what he just heard he was in disbelief. Jayden was more mad that his uncle knew the truth all this time but he didn't say anything. Jayden and Brandon went out and slammed the door of uncle Victor's apartment and they drove to Okiri's Club. While Jayden and Brandon were on their way to Okiri's club Jayden felt that something was off about this whole story he actually didn't quite believe it so he wanted to ask Okiri before he actually kills him, he didn't want to go to the club guns blazing. Jayden and Brandon arrived at the club and as normal the guards didn't even search them they went in and found Okiri in his office he seemed like he was already waiting for them. Jayden didn't waste time so he pointed his gun at Okiri and asked him if he had killed his brother. Okiri smiled with a smug on his face and said "I knew that this was gonna happen It was Victor right? I knew he was gonna play this card so that we end up killing each other so he can take over the drug game" Jayden was more curious and surprised about how did Okiri knew that his uncle told him this. Jayden shouted at Okiri and told him to talk otherwise he would blow his brains out, Okiri reached for his cupboard and slowly took out a cassette and plugged it. The cassette was a video, A video that showed Uncle Victor shooting at Nqaba on a close range outside his house and then taking the money from the boot and fleeing away fast. Apparently back in those days Okiri didn't trust anyone besides Nqaba so he had people to follow him and check that he arrives home safely and then the incident happened they tried to run after Victor but he got away and when they checked Nqaba's pulse in the car he was already dead. Okiri had to keep quiet and wait for the right time to tell Jayden he wanted him to grow up first and become independent so that he can avenge his brother's death. Jayden couldn't believe his eyes seeing that the person who he had trusted all his life is the one who took his brother away and caused him pain, he couldn't believe that the person who told him that he is gonna get the people who killed his brother is the one who actually killed his brother. Jayden couldn't help himself tears went down on his face he was shaking he was more than angry. Okiri stood up and said "It's time now, It's time you end this and avenge your brother's death", Okiri went on and called his other gang members to supply Jayden and Brandon with ammunition and told Jayden that he has to do this by himself. Jayden wanted Victor to know that he was coming so he called him and told him that his trick didn't work and he's coming over to put a bullet in his head.

Chapter 10

[The End Of The Road]

Everything comes to an end eventually and Uncle Victor was about to see his life flash before his eyes. After Uncle Victor received that call from Jayden he knew that Jayden wasn't fooling around and that this could be his last day on earth, he knew that Jayden was dead serious about what he said and nothing could change his mind if he is set up to do something. Uncle Victor panicked and managed to call his skivvies fast to his apartment so that they could protect him. Uncle Victor was a brave man but he knew how ruthless Jayden was, He knew that he couldn't escape so he had to fight back he didn't want to die. Jayden and Brandon were on their way to Uncle Victor's apartment they were riding like how they used to since they were young, they were reminiscing about the times they had and how they remained together after so long. Jayden was proud to have a friend like Brandon he wasn't actually a friend anymore he was his brother because Brandon managed to ride with Jayden through hard times and have his back no matter what. Brandon was still that trigger happy dude but he had love for the gang he was loyal to Jayden and they were brothers. While in the car Jayden thanked Brandon for being this solid and always standing with him through hard times they both laughed and bumped each others fists, they were riding like Martin Lawrence and Will Smith from the "BAD BOYS". Jayden and Brandon Finally arrived outside Uncle Victor's apartment and they got out of the car strapped with weapons they were ready for war, they both looked at each other and said "Lets do this". They got inside the building and Uncle Victor's apartment was on the third floor so they knew that someone would be waiting on them from the elevator so they used the stairs. As soon as they reached the second floor they saw Uncle Victor's skivvies and guns went blazing. They started shooting at each other it was actually a warzone, Bullets blasting off like raindrops, walls getting bullet holes it was like the midst of Iraq and the sound of lethal weapons terrorising the innocent souls in other apartments. Jayden and Brandon were outnumbered but they knew how to use their weapons, The skivvies were getting dropped down it was like Brandon & Jayden were Veterans. As they were about to go to the third floor Brandon got shot but he managed to take cover, Brandon told Jayden to continue without him and go to the third floor he will be alright and continue taking out the skivvies in the second floor.

Jayden reached the third floor and there were only two guards remaining outside Victor's apartment and he took them out. He approached the apartment's door and kicked it down and he went in he was fearless. Uncle Victor was on the other room and there was a bag of money on top of the table in the room Jayden was in, Uncle Victor shouted and said "Take the money Jayden it's all yours, All you have to do is to set me free and you can have it" he wanted to bribe Jayden but his plan failed too. Jayden was even more disgusted and he shouted out loud and told uncle Victor that he doesn't want his money all he wants is to see him dead. Jayden started shooting through the walls and approached the lounge where Victor was, they were shooting at each other and Victor was suppressing fire from behind the couch it was getting even more dangerous. Jayden managed to shoot uncle Victor on his shoulder and they were still shooting at each other but they were both taking cover until they ran out of ammunition. They both ran out of ammunition and decided to settle this like men, They threw their weapons down and they started fighting. Jayden had an advantage because Victor was injured on his shoulder they kept fighting and fighting it was getting more lethal they were both bleeding. Jayden managed to drop Victor to the ground and he kept on punching him in the face, he gave him several punches and Victor was getting weaker and weaker. There was a metal light bulb stand beside Victor and Victor low key grabbed it and hit Jayden in the head with it and Jayden fell over Victor. Victor was sneaky and he quickly stood up and reached for a spare gun that was hidden under a book and he then pointed the gun at Jayden. Jayden was on the ground and Victor was standing before him with a gun pointed to him. Jayden couldn't believe that he failed and that things didn't go as he predicted and the worse part is that the person who killed his brother was about to kill him too. Victor smiled and said "You could have taken the money son", Victor was about to shoot Jayden he was increasing the pressure on the trigger and Jayden was now closing his eyes because he had lost hope and all of a sudden there was a gunshot sound. There was someone, There was someone who had shot Victor. Victor fell on top of Jayden and Jayden was surprised because he thought that he was getting shot at, Jayden put his head up and he witnessed an unbelievable shocking surprise that was about to change his life. Jayden got up and saw the person who shot Victor on the head and he was shocked it was like he had seen a ghost and better yet it could be. The person who shot Victor was Jayden's father it was surprising because everyone knew that he was dead but clearly not because it was him in flesh.

Jayden didn't have words he could not talk for seconds he was shocked. Jayden was not in his senses he thought he was going crazy but it was an honest truth it was his father. Jayden was standing firm and he said "No this can't be happening, Baba Is it you for real? How is this happening". Jayden's father smiled and he said "I Had to disappear and play dead so that you and your siblings can live". Jayden's father explained that when he got an accident with their mother he survived and that accident wasn't a mistake it was planned by Victor so he had to remain dead so that Victor could think he forever holds power and to not harm his family because he thought he already won and no one threatened his power. Jayden's father explained that he had to leave everything behind and sacrifice leaving his children behind in order to protect them because if he was still around they would have gotten hurt because he was a target. Jayden's father explained too that he had to remain in the underworld and build his legacy and integrity from the start and it wasn't easy but he now had power in the underworld and had a lot of syndicates under his control. Jayden had a lot of questions he wanted to ask from his father but because of the setting and the police closing in they had to escape. Jayden's father had arrived with his crew and they evacuated everyone in the building in order to initiate Jayden's father's plan. Jayden's father told Jayden to leave his chain behind and his belongings he had in him and advised Brandon to do it too, Jayden and Brandon left their belongings and John's crew filled the building with petrol and burned it up. Jayden's father John took care of Jayden and Brandon and they fled off from the scene leaving behind their DNA and the place burned up. Jayden was already living his life on the run and if he was dead the Cops would stop looking for him and that was Jayden's father's plan. Jayden's father had connections and he managed to corrupt the results from the burned building and it stated that Jayden and Brandon couldn't escape the fire and they both died on the scene and the DNA they left behind made it look real. Weeks later everyone knew that Jayden and Brandon were no more and Jayden decided to stay away from Joy and let her live a normal life without him. Jayden was now living in the shadows just like his father, he was a dead man and no one was looking for him and that made it easier for him to continue operating and hustling with his father and his brother Brandon and they all grew up close and remained strong. Jayden didn't want to make the same mistake his father did so he wrote a letter to his sister telling her that he was not dead and everything that happened and he will continue checking up on her and someday they will meet and she will get a chance to meet her father too.

The End .

[Outro]

Life Is Short For A Man But The World Goes On,Through Hardships,Chaos, Drama,Death,Pain And Even Hostility The World Will Still Give You A Slap In Your Face And When Life Gives You Lemons Take Those Freakin Lemons And Shove Them And Buy An Apple Juice,Make Your Own Moves,Live Your Life And Pave Your Own Way Because At The End Of The Day It Is All Up To You And It All Goes Down In “**THE TRENCHES**”.

~Siphesihle G. Msibi.